## Wissahickon Nature Club

Guest Speaker
April 10, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Pittsburgh Botanic Gardens, by Kitty Vagley, Director of DEVELOPMENT PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN. THE PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN IS TRANSFORMING 460 ACRES OF ABANDONED COAL MINING LAND INTO THE REGION'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR BOTANIC GARDEN. LEARN HOW THIS 20-YEAR OLD PROJECT IS DEALING WITH ABUNDANT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, MOVING FORWARD ON THE FIRST GARDEN, WHICH INVOLVES REFORESTATION, HABITAT RESTORATION AND ADDING A HISTORIC HOMESTEAD TO THE MIX.



Eastern Screech Owlet, by Chuck

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING. APRIL 24, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. OUR FINAL MEETING THIS SEASON WILL BE EDIBLE MUSHROOMS, BY RYAN TOMAZIN. RYAN TOMAZIN, MEMBER OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MUSHROOM CLUB, WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM ON EDIBLE MUSHROOMS THAT CAN BE FOUND IN PENNSYLVANIA THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. HE WILL DISCUSS COOKING TIPS, AS WELL AS TIPS ON HOW TO DISTINGUISH ANY HARMFUL LOOK-ALIKES. THE PENNSYLVANIA WOODLANDS ARE KNOWN AS A MUSHROOM HEAVEN, AND MUSHROOMS THEMSELVES ARE STOREHOUSES OF NUTRITION AND NATURAL MEDICINE.

### Announcements

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCORDING TO TREASURER DIANNE MACHESNEY:

OLD BALANCE \$1053.15 ONE EXPENDITURE FOR A NEW REMOTE CONTROL FOR

PRESENTATIONS \$48.14 \$1005.01 NEW BALANCE:

### WORTH REPEATING

"THE ASSUMPTION THAT ANIMALS ARE WITHOUT RIGHTS AND THE ILLUSION THAT OUR TREATMENT OF THEM HAS NO MORAL SIGNIFICANCE IS A POSITIVELY OUTRAGEOUS EXAMPLE OF WESTERN CRUDITY AND BARBARITY. UNIVERSAL COMPASSION IS THE ONLY GUARANTEE OF MORALITY."

> -- ARTHUR SCHOPENHAUER, GERMAN PHILOSOPHER.

**COOL WEBSITES** KATE ST.JOHN'S BLOG HTTP://WWW.WQED.ORG/ BIRDBLOG/

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HTTP://WWW.PIXCONTROLLER.COM/ EAGLES/INDEX.HTM

### Botanical Society of Western

Pennsylvania LOREE SPEED 7 724.518.6022 LOREESPEEDY@GMAIL.COM HTTP://WWW.BOTSOCWPA.ORG/

MEETING

APRIL 14, MONDAY, 7:15 P.M. PLANTS OF THE SHALE BARRENS BY MARTHA OLIVER. LEARN ABOUT NATIVE SHALE BARRENS PLANTS FROM PA, WV AND MD AND HOW TO GROW THEM LOCALLY.

### OUTINGS

APRIL 12, SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M. BUFFALO CREEK, BY ED DIVERS.

APRIL 19, SATURDAY, 1:00 P.M. DUFF PARK, BY LOREE SPEEDY.

APRIL 26, SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M. RACCOON CREEK WILDFLOWER RESERVE, BEAVER COUNTY BY SHANE MILLER.

MAY 17, SATURDAY, 2:00 P.M. SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY IN FARMINGTON, FAYETTE COUNTY BY MEMBERS OF THE SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY.

JUNE 7, SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M. HEART'S CONTENT SCENIC AREA, WARREN COUNTY BY JOE AND BONNIE ISAAC.

### CELEBRATE NATURE



### Environmental Book Club KIM METHENY

KMETHENY@HOTMAIL.COM

CHRISS O'LARE COLARE@COMCAST.NET
MEET AT THE PANERA ON MCKNIGHT
ROAD THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT
7:30 P.M.

APRIL 21: STOLEN WORLD BY JENNIE ERIN SMITH

MAY 19, SECOND NATURE BY MICHAEL POLLAN

### Fern Hollow Nature Center SAM MCCLAIN-CAPEZZUTO, DIRECTOR

412.741.6136 April Claus, Naturalist 412.741.7536 http://www.fhnc.org/

APRIL 25 AND MAY 2, FRIDAYS, 7:30
A.M. SPRING BIRD WALKS AT
SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS BOROUGH PARK
BY BOB VAN NEWKIRK. PLEASE MEET
IN THE UPPER PARKING LOT AT THE
PARK, RAIN OR SHINE. FOR MORE INFO
PLEASE GO TO WWW.3RBC.ORG

# Three Rivers Birding Club JIM VALIMONT, PRESIDENT 412.828.5338 WWW.3RBC.ORG MEETING

JUNE 4, WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P.M. MY LIFE WITH OWLS, BY CHUCK TAGUE. OWLS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PART OF CHUCK TAGUE'S LIFE. AS EDUCATION DIRECTOR OF THE PITTSBURGH AVIARY CHUCK WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A MENAGERIE OF DEMONSTRATION BIRDS, INCLUDING SEVERAL OWLS. WHEN HE LEFT THE AVIARY HE RETAINED HIS STATE AND FEDERAL PERMITS TO KEEP RAPTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY. HE AND HIS WIFE JOAN SHARED THEIR HOME WITH TWO EASTERN SCREECH OWLS. CHUCK AND THE OWLS VISITED SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FOR TWELVE YEARS. CHUCK ASSISTED IN BANDING AND CENSUSING NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWLS AND NEVER MISSED A CHANCE TO LEAD AN OWL PROWL OR A NIGHT HIKE. NOR HAS HE EVER PASSED UP AN OPPORTUNITY TO PHOTOGRAPH THESE MYSTERIOUS NOCTURNAL HUNTERS OR LISTEN TO ONE CALL IN THE DARK.

CHUCK WILL BRING PHOTOGRAPHS AND STORIES OF HIS ADVENTURES AND SHARE HIS PHOTO ESSAY ON AN OWL NEST AT MATANZAS NATIONAL HISTORIC MONUMENT IN 2010.

#### OUTINGS

APRIL 16, WEDNESDAY 7:30 P.M. WOODCOCK WALK BY TOM BYRNES. MEET AT THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE PRIMANTI BROTHERS - HARMAR RESTAURANT OFF THE HARMAR EXIT 11 OF ROUTE 28. CARPOOL A SHORT DISTANCE TO A FIELD IN HARMAR TWP. THAT HAS PRODUCED LOTS OF AMERICAN WOODCOCK IN THE PAST. BE PREPARED FOR A MUDDY WALK AND BRING A FLASHLIGHT. BEFORE GOING TO THE FIELD, WE WILL CHECK THE GREAT BLUE HERON NEST.

APRIL 27, SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M. ENLOW FORK EXTRAVAGANZA THE MORNING BIRD WALK WILL START AT LEAD BY MARGIE HOWARD (AND MAYBE RALPH BELL, 99 THIS YEAR). THE FLOWER WALK WILL BE AT 10:00 AM. LED BY MEMBERS OF THE BSWP.

### Wissahickon Nature

### Club

OUTINGS CHAIR JUDY STARK

H: 412.363.0462 C: 412.327.9537

APRIL 22, TUESDAY, 10:00 A.M. EARTH DAY! WOLF CREEK NARROWS, BUTLER COUNTY, BY DIANNE MACHESNEY. FROM PGH TAKE I-79 NORTH TO EXIT 105. TURN LEFT ON PA 108. TRAVEL EAST ON PA 108 FOR ABOUT 0.7 MILES TO WEST PARK RD (DAIRY QUEEN ON THE RIGHT). TURN LEFT ONTO WEST PARK ROAD (SR 1015) AND DRIVE NORTH ABOUT 1.8 MILES TO SR 1020 (YOU CAN SEE SOME LARGE SILOS ON THE RIGHT). TURN RIGHT ON SR 1020 (MILLER RD) AND DRIVE ABOUT 1.7 MILES TO THE SMALL PARKING LOT ON THE RIGHT. (SR 1020 IS A WINDING ROAD AND AT AN ALMOST T INTERSECTION, TURN RIGHT TO STAY ON SR 1020.) IF YOU REACH THE BRIDGE, YOU HAVE GONE TOO FAR. THE PARKING LOT IS JUST BEFORE YOU REACH THE BRIDGE OVER WOLF CREEK.

MAY 3, SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M. FOXBURG, CLARION COUNTY BY DIANNE MACHESNEY DIANNEM15237@AOL.COM;

C: (412) 523-0368; 8N THROUGH BUTLER TO 68N TO 268 N THROUGH THE TOWN OF PARKER. TURN RIGHT OVER THE FOXBURG BRIDGE. TAKE FIRST RIGHT AFTER THE BRIDGE INTO THE PARKING LOT. GO TO THE FAR END AND PARK. IF USING GPS, USE THE ADDRESS FOR THE FOXBURG INN: 20 MAIN STREET, FOXBURG, PA 16036.

MAY 24, SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M. PRESTON PARK, BUTLER BY TONY STANGO. TAKE I-79 NORTH TO EXIT 83 - PA 528 TOWARD EVANS CITY. TRAVEL PA 528 NORTH FOR 2.6 MILES TO A T. TURN RIGHT AT THE T AND CONTINUE EAST ON PA 68 FOR 9 MILES TO WHITESTOWN RD (THE FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHT AFTER THE BUTLER FARM SHOW ON THE RIGHT).TURN RIGHT ONTO WHITESTOWN RD AND CONTINUE 1 MILE TO TURN RIGHT ONTO SOUTH EBERHART ROAD. PARK ENTRANCE WILL BE ON THE LEFT. THE GPS ADDRESS IS 415 SOUTH EBERHART ROAD, BUTLER, PA 16001.

### Wild, Wonderful Wissahickon Weekend

MAY 30, FRIDAY, 10:00 A.M. BUTLER / FREEPORT TRAIL, SARVER PA BY CHUCK TAGUE. CHUCK AND JOAN WILL BE IN PITTSBURGH AND HAVE OFFERED TO LEAD A WALK ALONG THE BUTLER FREEPORT TRAIL AT SARVER. YOU ARE CORDIALY INVITED TO DISCOVER THE TRANSFORMATION FROM SPRING TO SUMMER. THIS DELIGHTFUL WALK WAS A LONG-STANDING WISSAHICKON TRADITION. ESTHER KNEW THE TRAIL LIKE THE BACK OF HER HAND AND FOUND DOZENS OF FLOWERS. CALL SUSANNE AT (412)771-4737 TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING.

DIRECTIONS: FROM PITTSBURGH, TAKE ROUTE 28 NORTH TO EXIT 17 (PA356/BUTLER/FREEPORT). AT THE END OF THE RAMP, HEAD WEST OR NORTH ON PA 356. AFTER ROUGHLY 3.5 MILES, TURN RIGHT ONTO SARVER ROAD (SR2018) AT A TRAFFIC LIGHT. CONTINUE A LITTLE OVER 1/2 MILE, TRAVELING DOWN A HILL. AFTER CROSSING A CREEK AND PASSING THE SARVER BUFFALO TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL ON THE LEFT, TURN LEFT INTO THE BIKE TRAIL PARKING AREA, WHERE WE WILL MEET. OR GOOGLE 565 SARVER ROAD, SARVER,

PA 16055
MAY 31, SATURDAY, 8:00 A.M. BOTANIC
GARDENS BIRD WALK BY BOB
MULVIHILL. DIRECTIONS FROM

MULVIHILL. DIRECTIONS FROM INTERSTATE-79 NORTHBOUND FROM WASHINGTON, PA. TAKE EXIT 57 CARNEGIE. KEEP LEFT AT THE FORK AND FOLLOW SIGNS FOR OAKDALE.

TURN LEFT ONTO W. MAIN STREET.

CONTINUE 4.1 MILES ALONG NOBLESTOWN ROAD / STATE ROUTE 3048. (KEEP RIGHT TO CONTINUE ALONG NOBLESTOWN ROAD / STATE ROUTE 3048.) TURN RIGHT ONTO PINKERTON RUN ROAD. CONTINUE 1.5 MILES ON PINKERTON RUN ROAD. IF YOU ARE USING A GPS, USE 1082 PINKERTON RUN ROAD, OAKDALE, PA AS THE DESTINATION ADDRESS. THE BARN IT JUST UP THE HILL FROM THIS ADDRESS TO YOUR LEFT.

JUNE 1, SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M. HAYS BALD EAGLE WALK BY BOB MULVIHILL. DIRECTIONS: GLASS RUN RD. TO BALDWIN RD.; LEFT ON BALDWIN RD. TO PARKING LOT OF KEYSTONE IRON & METAL CO. (BEFORE RAILROAD TRACKS). CROSS RAILROAD TRACKS ON FOOT AND TAKE THE HERITAGE TRAIL ON YOUR LEFT (A TALL STONE WALL FLANKS THE TRAIL ON YOUR RIGHT); EAGLE WATCHING SPOT IS A FEW HUNDRED YARDS DOWN THE TRAIL. THE ADDRESS FOR A GPS IS: 4901 EAST CARSON STREET.

